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TEXAS ECONOMIC GROWTH SLOWS IN 1991

Unemployment Continues to Increase

The Statewide actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate rose in April for the third consecutive month, increasing from the March level of 6.4 percent to 6.9 percent. The number of jobless Texans rose by over 44,000 between March and April, to a level of 594,200 — 95,000 above the April 1990 unemployment total. The number of working Texans rose moderately over the month to an estimated 8,024,700 in mid-April, up by over 137,000 from the year-ago level. The seasonally adjusted Texas rate rose from 6.6 percent to 7.1 percent over the month. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate dropped slightly over the month, from 6.8 percent to 6.6 percent in April, while the actual U. S. rate declined to 6.5 percent.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Rise Moderately

The State's economic growth remained sluggish over the month, as Texas employers generated just over 16,000 additional jobs between March and April 1991, the smallest gain thus far this year, which put **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** at 7,114,500. The current estimate of jobs was up by 96,200 from April 1990. This marked the first month in over two years that the over-the-year growth was under 100,000. Although all of the major Nonmanufacturing industries recorded advances, most of them were about half the size of the increases during this same period last year.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 19,300 over the month. At 6,140,400, this was up by 108,100 from April 1990. **Wholesale and Retail Trade,** which rose by 11,800 from March, had the largest Nonmanufacturing increase. At 1,709,300, this was 15,800 above the April 1990 figure. Retail Trade was up by 11,300 over the month, with Eating and Drinking Places showing the largest Retail Trade increase, up by 8,500. This is a traditional, seasonal increase in concession sales as warm weather steps up outdoor activities. **Government** increased by 2,200 from a month ago. At 1,320,100, this was up 36,100 jobs over the figure for a year ago. Local Government

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr.'91	Mar. '91	Apr.'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,727.0	124,443.0	123,816.0
Unemployment	8,049.0	8,804.0	6,457.0
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	7.1%	5.2%
Total Employment	116,678.0	115,639.0	117,359.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,672.0	125,326.0	124,781.0
Unemployment	8,274.0	8,572.0	6,691.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.8%	5.4%
Total Employment	117,398.0	116,754.0	118,090.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,618.9	8,527.9	8,386.2
Unemployment	594.2	549.9	499.2
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.4%	6.0%
Total Employment	8,024.7	7,978.0	7,887.0
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,692.0	8,623.0	8,466.0
Unemployment	618.0	573.0	526.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	6.6%	6.2%
Total Employment	8,074.0	8,050.0	7,940.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'91*	Mar.91**	Apr.'90**	Apr.'91*	Mar.91**	Apr.'90**	Apr.'91*	Mar.91**	Apr.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,200	50,700	51,000	96,200	94,900	96,700	445,900	442,500	433,500
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,800	2,800	5,100	4,700	4,700	21,200	20,100	18,900
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	5.5%	5.5%	5.3%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	4.5%	4.4%
Total Employment ++	48,000	47,900	48,200	91,100	90,200	92,000	424,700	422,400	414,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	171,600	169,000	163,700	89,200	87,900	86,200	110,100	108,500	104,400
Total Unemployment	12,300	10,700	12,000	5,200	4,600	4,400	14,800	13,900	11,500
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	6.3%	7.3%	5.8%	5.2%	5.1%	13.4%	12.8%	11.0%
Total Employment ++	159,300	158,300	151,700	84,000	83,300	81,800	95,300	94,600	92,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,000	63,100	62,600	169,800	167,500	163,000	1,457.8	1,442.5	1,422.9
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,000	2,000	13,300	11,700	10,100	90.8	80.4	69.6
Percent Unemployed	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%	7.8%	7.0%	6.2%	6.2%	5.6%	4.9%
Total Employment ++	61,700	61,100	60,600	156,500	155,800	152,900	1,367.0	1,362.1	1,353.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	257,700	253,800	248,000	747,300	740,200	725,800	110,700	109,300	108,800
Total Unemployment	29,000	27,300	25,400	51,800	46,200	34,600	8,000	7,500	7,600
Percent Unemployed	11.3%	10.8%	10.2%	6.9%	6.2%	4.8%	7.2%	6.9%	7.0%
Total Employment ++	228,700	226,500	222,600	695,500	694,000	691,200	102,700	101,800	101,200
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,767.3	1,748.7	1,700.8	96,800	95,300	96,500	53,800	54,300	53,100
Total Unemployment	100.0	91.4	82.7	7,000	6,400	6,500	5,900	6,700	5,900
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	5.2%	4.9%	7.2%	6.7%	6.7%	11.0%	12.3%	11.1%
Total Employment ++	1,667.3	1,657.3	1,618.1	89,800	88,900	90,000	47,900	47,600	47,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	79,200	79,500	117,300	116,100	113,900	165,900	167,600	167,900
Total Unemployment	6,700	6,100	5,200	6,500	5,900	4,800	31,100	33,700	32,500
Percent Unemployed	8.4%	7.7%	6.5%	5.5%	5.1%	4.2%	18.7%	20.1%	19.4%
Total Employment ++	73,500	73,100	74,300	110,800	110,200	109,100	134,800	133,800	135,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,500	48,100	47,700	53,100	52,000	50,800	43,900	43,300	44,200
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,400	2,500	3,700	3,100	3,200	2,400	2,100	2,600
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.0%	5.2%	7.0%	6.0%	6.3%	5.5%	4.8%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	45,800	45,700	45,200	49,400	48,900	47,600	41,500	41,200	41,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	610,000	602,100	607,300	48,100	47,500	47,300	56,700	56,400	56,700
Total Unemployment	42,200	38,900	42,300	3,400	3,100	2,400	4,400	4,200	3,300
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.5%	7.0%	7.1%	6.5%	5.1%	7.8%	7.4%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	567,800	563,200	565,000	44,700	44,400	44,900	52,300	52,200	53,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,800	74,500	73,500	36,800	36,200	35,400	94,700	92,900	92,000
Total Unemployment	5,300	4,800	4,200	1,900	1,600	1,600	6,500	5,200	4,700
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	6.4%	5.7%	5.2%	4.4%	4.5%	6.9%	5.6%	5.1%
Total Employment ++	69,500	69,700	69,300	34,900	34,600	33,800	88,200	87,700	87,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,200	55,500	54,100				8,618.9	8,527.9	8,386.2
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,700	2,900				594.2	549.9	499.2
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	6.7%	5.4%				6.9%	6.4%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	52,200	51,800	51,200				8,024.7	7,978.0	7,887.0

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

QC ANNUAL REPORT
CY 1990

State of Texas

Unemployment Insurance Quality Control
Annual Report for Calendar Year 1990

Total Dollars Paid in Population	$725,365,060
Sample Size	1,242

	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Proper Payments	91.4%	1.6%
Overpayments	8.6%	1.6%
	100.0%	
Underpayments	0.7%	0.2%

UI Quality Control Program

The Texas Employment Commission (TEC), in conjunction with the U. S. Department of Labor, has initiated a system for analyzing its Unemployment Insurance Quality Control (QC) Program.

The Unemployment Insurance Department of the Commission relies on information provided by employers and claimants as a basis for paying or denying benefits to unemployed persons. Obviously, the quality of decisions on these payments is directly related to the quality of information provided on such matters as job separations, refusal of work, work search efforts, etc.

Under the QC System, a random sampling of claims is computer-generated weekly and each aspect of a claim selected is scrutinized thoroughly. The audit includes: (1) verification of a claimant's reason for being unemployed; (2) verification of the employer's quarterly wages earned by the claimant; (3) weekly work search contacts made by the claimant; and (4) earnings reported by the claimant for the week of the claim.

QC investigators audited a random sample of 1,242 of the 4,679,705 total benefit payments made during Calendar Year 1990. Results of the review showed that during this period, 91.4% of the total benefits were correctly paid. Improper payments or overpayments accounted for 8.6% of total benefits paid. This improper payment figure is broken out by "error responsibility" as follows:

Claimant only error	6.1%
Employer only error	0.4%
Agency only (TEC) error	1.1%
Claimant and agency error	0.6%
Claimant and employer error	0.2%
Employer and agency error	0.2%
	8.6%

Claimant errors included failure to correctly report earnings during a week in which benefits were received.

Employer errors were caused by their failure to report the correct amount of quarterly wages for former employees who later became active claimants and received unemployment benefits.

Agency errors were due to data entry or procedural errors made by employees of TEC.

In addition to the Quality Control Unit, TEC also maintains a Benefit Payment Control (BPC) Unit to investigate and reclaim benefits paid to claimants under both fraudulent and unintentional error situations. The BPC Unit recovered $9,035,206 from claimants in 1990. This money was returned to the U. I. Trust Fund.

In July 1991, the U. S. Department of Labor will publish a digest of QC data for all states. The format used for the release of the Texas QC data is shown above.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	APR. '91*	MAR. '91**	APR. '90**	Chg. from MAR. '91	Chg. from APR. '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,114,500**	**7,098,200**	**7,018,300**	**16,300**	**96,200**
MANUFACTURING	**974,100**	**977,100**	**986,000**	**-3,000**	**-11,900**
Durable Goods	**551,100**	**553,900**	**567,200**	**-2,800**	**-16,100**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,700	30,800	31,500	-100	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,400	7,300	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	14,800	14,800	16,400	0	-1,600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,600	33,500	35,700	100	-2,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,200	14,200	15,500	0	-1,300
Primary Metal Industries	29,500	30,100	29,300	-600	200
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,200	81,300	80,700	-100	500
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,700	39,400	39,500	300	200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	116,300	116,600	113,600	-300	2,700
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	28,500	28,500	25,200	0	3,300
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	100,300	101,000	105,200	-700	-4,900
Transportation Equipment	89,800	91,000	99,400	-1,200	-9,600
Aircraft & Parts	62,500	63,700	71,800	-1,200	-9,300
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,300	39,200	39,800	100	-500
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,600	15,600	15,600	0	0
Nondurable Goods	**423,000**	**423,200**	**418,800**	**-200**	**4,200**
Food & Kindred Products	100,200	100,500	97,100	-300	3,100
Meat Products	31,500	31,600	30,000	-100	1,500
Dairy Products	4,300	4,200	4,300	100	0
Bakery Products	9,600	9,600	10,000	0	-400
Malt Beverages	3,000	2,900	3,000	100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,500	54,200	56,800	300	-2,300
Paper & Allied Products	24,100	24,300	24,400	-200	-300
Printing & Publishing	74,000	74,300	74,600	-300	-600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,300	35,600	36,500	-300	-1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	86,900	86,700	83,200	200	3,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,300	30,100	28,800	200	1,500
Petroleum Refining	27,000	26,900	25,600	100	1,400
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	41,900	41,900	42,200	0	-300
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	7,000	7,300	-100	-400
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,140,400**	**6,121,100**	**6,032,300**	**19,300**	**108,100**
Mining	**183,000**	**182,600**	**176,900**	**400**	**6,100**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,300	9,200	9,500	100	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	173,700	173,400	167,400	300	6,300
Construction	**338,600**	**338,000**	**326,300**	**600**	**12,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**428,200**	**426,300**	**419,600**	**1,900**	**8,600**
Railroad Transportation	18,200	18,200	19,000	0	-800
Other Transportation	242,900	240,900	234,800	2,000	8,100
Transportation by Air	79,900	79,200	72,600	700	7,300
Communications	88,300	88,300	88,000	0	300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,800	78,900	77,800	-100	1,000
Electric Services	40,300	40,500	40,400	-200	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	26,900	26,800	0	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,709,300**	**1,697,500**	**1,693,500**	**11,800**	**15,800**
Wholesale Trade	422,300	421,800	421,300	500	1,000
Retail Trade	1,287,000	1,275,700	1,272,200	11,300	14,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,100	40,200	41,500	900	-400
General Merchandise Stores	174,100	173,000	175,400	1,100	-1,300
Food Stores	236,400	235,500	234,000	900	2,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,600	136,200	136,100	400	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,200	76,600	78,900	600	-1,700
Eating & Drinking Places	441,900	433,400	423,500	8,500	18,400
Other Retail Trade	179,700	180,800	182,800	-1,100	-3,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**428,800**	**428,300**	**431,600**	**500**	**-2,800**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	125,800	126,000	129,700	-200	-3,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,500	145,400	142,800	100	2,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	157,500	156,900	159,100	600	-1,600
Services	**1,732,400**	**1,730,500**	**1,700,400**	**1,900**	**32,000**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,400	85,600	86,400	-200	-1,000
Personal Services	82,000	82,300	80,100	-300	1,900
Business & Repair Services	443,900	445,200	441,300	-1,300	2,600
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	76,700	75,600	79,500	1,100	-2,800
Health Services	488,200	487,600	464,700	600	23,500
Educational Services	86,900	86,300	88,200	600	-1,300
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	153,300	153,500	151,100	-200	2,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	316,000	314,400	309,100	1,600	6,900
Total Government	**1,320,100**	**1,317,900**	**1,284,000**	**2,200**	**36,100**
Federal Government	204,000	202,700	208,500	1,300	-4,500
State Government	288,500	289,400	274,700	-900	13,800
Local Government	827,600	825,800	800,800	1,800	26,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	APR.'91*	MAR. '91**	APR.'90**	APR.'91*	MAR. '91**	APR.'90**	APR.'91*	MAR. '91**	APR.'90**	APR.'91*	MAR. '91**	APR.'90**
TOTAL	48,500	48,500	48,800	77,700	77,500	79,000	383,900	383,400	377,400	147,900	147,900	141,200
Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	5,000	8,800	8,900	8,800	48,600	48,800	47,600	25,800	25,900	25,000
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,000	1,100	1,200	700	700	700	1,900	1,800	1,700
Construction	1,500	1,400	1,500	3,000	2,800	3,000	12,300	12,300	11,300	13,400	13,300	11,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,600	5,600	5,500	11,800	12,000	11,800	9,600	9,600	9,600
Trade	12,400	12,600	12,500	22,000	21,800	22,800	76,000	75,400	76,800	33,200	33,200	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	1,900	4,300	4,300	4,300	23,400	23,400	23,600	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,700	14,400	17,800	17,800	17,800	98,900	98,600	95,200	36,800	36,900	34,200
Government	9,200	9,200	9,300	15,200	15,200	15,600	112,200	112,200	110,600	21,800	21,800	21,800

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	67,400	67,300	65,700	77,600	77,300	75,000	56,100	55,800	55,300	137,600	137,900	135,500
Manufacturing	16,800	16,700	16,500	11,800	11,800	11,300	3,200	3,300	3,600	12,300	12,300	12,000
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,900	—	—	—	500	500	600	4,100	4,100	4,000
Construction	8,600	8,600	8,600	2,500	2,400	2,300	1,700	1,800	1,900	11,200	11,300	12,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,400	3,400	3,100	1,300	1,300	1,300	6,500	6,500	6,600
Trade	12,700	12,800	12,300	20,800	20,400	20,300	11,300	11,000	11,200	32,300	32,300	31,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,800	3,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	6,300	6,300	6,300
Services & Misc.	10,000	9,900	9,700	17,700	17,700	16,900	11,100	10,900	10,400	33,500	33,700	31,900
Government	12,500	12,500	12,100	17,700	18,000	17,600	25,200	25,200	24,500	31,400	31,400	30,200

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,372.6	1,373.3	1,369.0	210,700	209,800	206,700	585,000	586,200	585,200	76,400	76,300	75,900
Manufacturing	214.6	215.9	221.3	41,000	41,200	40,700	108,100	109,700	119,400	8,700	8,800	8,900
Mining	17.9	17.9	17.8	—	—	—	4,600	4,700	4,300	700	700	600
Construction	46.8	46.7	45.4	8,400	8,100	7,800	22,400	21,800	21,900	4,100	4,100	4,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	82.9	82.5	82.4	10,800	10,700	10,800	56,500	56,200	54,100	5,200	5,100	5,100
Trade	351.8	351.9	348.2	52,700	52,700	51,400	149,500	149,600	149,400	15,400	15,300	15,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	123.5	123.3	126.7	8,300	8,300	8,400	27,100	27,100	27,500	5,000	5,000	5,000
Services & Misc.	371.1	371.2	365.8	44,300	43,800	43,300	137,900	138,400	133,100	14,600	14,600	14,500
Government	164.0	163.9	161.4	45,200	45,000	44,300	78,900	78,700	75,500	22,700	22,700	22,100

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,625.8	1,623.3	1,581.2	73,600	72,700	74,200	45,000	45,000	44,200	69,300	68,900	69,600
Manufacturing	176.6	176.6	172.4	8,500	8,800	8,600	1,600	1,500	1,700	16,100	16,100	16,500
Mining	72.2	72.7	66.9	—	—	—	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,400	3,400	3,500
Construction	108.4	108.5	108.9	2,300	2,300	2,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	113.3	112.5	107.6	2,400	2,400	2,700	6,200	6,300	6,100	3,600	3,500	3,400
Trade	370.6	369.1	369.3	16,000	15,500	16,700	13,900	13,900	13,900	17,000	16,900	16,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	103.2	103.4	101.6	3,400	3,300	3,300	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	466.9	466.3	445.2	17,700	17,500	17,700	8,200	8,200	7,800	14,100	14,000	14,000
Government	214.6	214.2	209.3	23,000	22,900	22,800	10,200	10,200	9,800	9,000	8,900	9,100

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	99,100	98,600	98,000	103,500	103,400	102,900	45,000	44,900	44,400	44,200	44,200	43,300
Manufacturing	7,100	7,100	7,000	12,900	13,300	13,400	2,300	2,300	2,200	4,200	4,300	4,300
Mining	200	200	300	900	900	800	8,800	9,000	9,000	5,300	5,100	5,100
Construction	3,400	3,200	3,100	4,500	4,600	4,600	1,500	1,400	1,300	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,500	5,600	5,600	3,200	3,200	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	29,000	28,600	27,900	32,300	32,100	31,600	10,600	10,600	10,400	12,700	12,700	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,500	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,300	1,300	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,800	25,000	25,500	18,700	18,400	18,000	9,900	9,800	9,500	8,300	8,400	7,900
Government	23,400	23,400	23,100	27,000	26,900	27,500	7,200	7,100	7,200	8,200	8,200	8,100

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,600	36,600	36,400	519,800	517,900	523,000	37,800	37,900	38,200	46,100	45,900	47,300
Manufacturing	5,000	5,100	5,100	43,100	43,100	46,200	10,500	10,600	11,200	6,500	6,900	7,100
Mining	500	500	500	1,900	1,800	1,800	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,100	22,500	22,000	21,000	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,700	2,600	22,000	21,900	21,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	2,400	2,400	2,200
Trade	8,600	8,600	8,900	128,900	128,500	128,800	7,800	7,900	7,800	10,800	10,800	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	38,000	38,000	40,100	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,200	9,100	9,000	141,400	140,400	141,300	9,700	9,700	9,700	11,200	11,200	10,800
Government	7,900	7,800	7,600	122,500	122,200	122,100	4,600	4,500	4,600	12,000	11,500	12,900

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	62,300	62,400	62,000	29,100	28,800	28,100	82,600	82,700	82,100	50,400	50,100	49,700
Manufacturing	10,600	10,900	11,000	3,100	3,100	3,000	16,000	16,100	15,800	8,200	8,000	8,400
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,400	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,800	3,000	3,000	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,700	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,500	3,400	3,400	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,000	16,000	16,000	7,700	7,400	7,500	19,400	19,300	18,900	11,600	11,500	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	5,100	5,200	5,200	2,100	2,100	2,100
Services & Misc.	16,100	15,900	15,600	6,500	6,500	6,100	22,200	22,300	22,300	12,700	12,700	12,400
Government	9,900	9,800	9,800	5,500	5,500	5,300	13,400	13,400	13,300	9,900	9,900	9,700

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'91*	Mar.'91	Apr.'90	Apr.'91*	Mar.'91	Apr.'90	Apr.'91*	Mar.'91	Apr.'90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 449.53	$ 448.86	$ 424.09	41.7	41.6	40.7	$ 10.78	$10.79	$10.42
Durable Goods	437.22	439.10	414.53	41.6	41.7	40.6	10.51	10.53	10.21
Lumber & Wood Products	325.38	313.02	306.77	43.5	42.3	41.4	7.48	7.40	7.41
Furniture & Fixtures	283.02	274.74	271.87	39.2	38.0	38.4	7.22	7.23	7.08
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	412.16	411.63	405.04	42.8	42.7	41.8	9.63	9.64	9.69
Primary Metal Industries	484.55	472.06	452.00	41.7	40.8	40.0	11.62	11.57	11.30
Fabricated Metal Products	416.99	418.82	382.22	42.9	43.0	41.5	9.72	9.74	9.21
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	448.31	457.98	404.21	42.9	43.7	40.3	10.45	10.48	10.03
Oil Field Machinery	573.30	585.17	486.26	49.0	50.1	42.1	11.70	11.68	11.55
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	444.43	439.04	469.61	39.4	39.2	40.8	11.28	11.20	11.51
Transportation Equipment	563.60	577.21	533.17	40.2	41.2	40.7	14.02	14.01	13.10
Instruments & Related Prod.	417.59	423.10	394.21	40.9	40.8	39.9	10.21	10.37	9.88
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	296.80	287.78	284.64	38.1	36.8	37.7	7.79	7.82	7.55
Nondurable Goods	465.51	460.65	435.74	41.9	41.5	40.8	11.11	11.10	10.68
Food & Kindred Products	383.92	379.90	345.17	42.8	42.4	40.8	8.97	8.96	8.46
Meat Products	285.69	280.48	271.51	42.2	41.8	41.2	6.77	6.71	6.59
Malt Beverages	914.32	1,003.61	865.35	48.3	52.6	46.3	18.93	19.08	18.69
Textile Mill Products	375.16	357.21	309.78	45.2	44.1	40.6	8.30	8.10	7.63
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	218.00	206.51	203.32	36.7	35.3	36.9	5.94	5.85	5.51
Paper & Allied Products	502.99	511.12	487.89	43.7	44.1	43.1	11.51	11.59	11.32
Printing & Publishing	435.41	433.71	409.07	39.8	39.9	39.6	10.94	10.87	10.33
Chemicals & Allied Products	745.50	735.38	730.50	45.1	44.3	43.9	16.53	16.60	16.64
Petroleum & Coal Products	800.10	784.55	773.96	45.0	44.3	45.5	17.78	17.71	17.01
Petroleum Refining	833.52	814.30	809.80	45.3	44.4	45.7	18.40	18.34	17.72
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	386.46	394.59	372.65	41.6	41.8	40.2	9.29	9.44	9.27
Leather & Leather Products	271.56	277.84	239.22	39.3	41.1	36.3	6.91	6.76	6.59
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	620.57	627.34	602.10	44.2	45.1	44.6	14.04	13.91	13.50
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	613.92	609.16	555.06	48.0	48.5	45.2	12.79	12.56	12.28
Oil & Gas Extraction	621.28	628.60	604.76	44.0	44.9	44.5	14.12	14.00	13.59
Communications	519.79	520.58	525.03	39.2	39.2	40.7	13.26	13.28	12.90
Elec., Gas & San. Services	572.14	562.72	543.57	42.1	41.9	42.4	13.59	13.43	12.82
Wholesale & Retail Trade	247.54	246.68	243.79	32.4	32.5	32.9	7.64	7.59	7.41
Wholesale Trade	426.89	429.84	427.17	39.6	39.8	39.7	10.78	10.80	10.76
Retail Trade	194.53	191.80	188.50	30.3	30.3	30.8	6.42	6.33	6.12
General Merchandise Stores	192.86	189.74	184.82	29.9	29.6	30.2	6.45	6.41	6.12
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	325.13	323.18	311.25	37.2	36.6	39.2	8.74	8.83	7.94

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 434.43	$ 435.53	$ 412.50	41.1	41.4	40.6	$ 10.57	$ 10.52	$ 10.16
Durable Goods	451.00	453.60	429.86	41.3	41.5	40.9	10.92	10.93	10.51
Nondurable Goods	407.00	403.03	383.36	40.7	41.0	40.1	10.00	9.83	9.56
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	461.70	461.37	454.41	40.5	40.4	40.5	11.40	11.42	11.22
Durable Goods	474.42	476.39	471.11	39.8	40.1	40.3	11.92	11.88	11.69
Nondurable Goods	434.47	429.72	413.91	42.1	41.2	40.9	10.32	10.43	10.12
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	568.26	570.88	519.87	45.1	45.2	43.0	12.60	12.63	12.09
Durable Goods	483.57	487.31	428.40	44.9	45.5	42.0	10.77	10.71	10.20
Nondurable Goods	677.37	678.44	633.39	45.4	44.9	44.2	14.92	15.11	14.33
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	330.48	321.93	312.30	40.5	39.5	41.2	8.16	8.15	7.58
Durable Goods	324.18	327.76	332.09	39.2	39.3	41.1	8.27	8.34	8.08
Nondurable Goods	335.69	315.61	293.64	41.7	39.6	41.3	8.05	7.97	7.11

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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led the increase with a rise of 1,800 from March. **Transportation and Public Utilities** and **Services** were up by 1,900 over the month. Other Transportation increased by 2,000. Brisk activity in Water Transportation, primarily in Marine Cargo Handling, increased employment by 1,000, while Trucking and Warehousing showed a gain of 400, and Air Transportation continued to climb by adding 700 jobs. Services' largest gain was found in Other Services and Miscellaneous, up 1,600 over the month. Seasonal increases were seen in Amusement, Including Motion Pictures which rose by 1,100 from March. **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** rose by 500 over the month. At 428,800, this was 2,800 jobs less than the year-ago figure. **Construction** registered 338,600 jobs in April, which was up 600 from a month ago, and up 12,300 from a year ago. Jobs added by Special Trade Contractors more than offset scattered losses in other sectors of the industry. **Mining** added 400 jobs from March. At 183,000, this was up 6,100 from one year ago.

Manufacturing reported 974,100 jobs in April. This was down by 3,000 from March '91 and also down 11,900 from April '90. **Durable Goods** held the largest Manufacturing loss, down 2,800 over the month. The greatest downturn in Durables was found in Transportation Equipment, specifically in Aircraft and Parts. Here the shrinkage facing industries who depend on military contracts was illustrated by the drop of 1,200 jobs. Job losses were not only felt by the bigger contractors, but also by the many subcontractors that supply parts and components. **Nondurable Goods**, at 423,000 jobs, showed a loss of 200 over the month.

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Average Weekly Earnings Rise Slightly

For the estimated 638,700 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings fell by one cent an hour over the month and Average Weekly Hours were up slightly by one tenth of an hour, causing Average Weekly Earnings to increase by sixty-seven cents from March to April.

In mid-April a worker, on average, was earning $10.78 per hour for a 41.7-hour week, and making $449.53 in weekly earnings.

Nondurable Goods reported an increase of $4.86 in Average Weekly Earnings over the month, while Durable Goods fell by $1.88 in April.

The largest gain in Nondurables occurred under Petroleum and Coal Products, in Petroleum Refining, which rose by $19.22 in average weekly earnings between March and April.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr.'91	Apr.'90
Total Population	17,260,400*	17,106,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.1	1.9
UI Covered Employers	320,186	313,868
Total Claims Actions	693,672	537,497
Total Initial Claims Actions	65,862	57,941
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	627,810	479,556
Total Placements	32,678	33,449
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$163.24	$154.23
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$80,803,599	$57,160,883

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